

CHOICES & DECISIONS

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- speaking practice
- over 20 questions for discussion
- vocabulary practice

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How many decisions do you take every day?

What's the last decision that you took?



**Think of as many adjectives as possible to describe the word
CHOICE and the word DECISION**

CHOICE – careful / good / informed / right / wise / bad / wrong / difficult / hard / stark / natural / moral / career

DECISION – big / crucial / important / key / major / difficult / hard / tough / firm / prompt / hasty / rash / final / irreversible / informed / good / rational / right / sensible / wise / bad / poor / wrong / collective / joint / unanimous

Now talk about

a final decision

a hasty decision

a wise choice

an informed choice

**you have made or someone has
made**

Check the meaning of the following words.

be at liberty

opt for

hesitate

prefer

sit on the fence

stark choice

freedom of choice

alternative

be in two minds about sth

Match the words with their definitions.

*be at liberty opt for prefer alternative
sit on the fence stark*

- hesitate
- harsh, unpleasant but impossible to avoid
- sth you choose to do instead of something else
- make a choice from a range of possibilities
- be allowed to do sth
- to like sth more than sth else

sit on the fence - hesitate

stark - harsh, unpleasant but impossible to avoid

alternative - sth you choose to do instead of something else

opt for - make a choice from a range of possibilities

prefer - to like sth more than sth else

be at liberty - be allowed to do sth

Which do you prefer?

ice cream **or** chocolate

coffee **or** tea

making decisions **or** advising sb what to do

driving a car **or** riding a bike

speaking in English **or** writing in English

being invited **or** inviting sb





**What do you do before
you make an important
decision?**

**How do you feel before
making an important
decision?**

choice

Describe the last time

- you took a difficult decision

- you took a decision which was wrong





**Describe the last time
- you were in two minds
about sth**

**- you asked someone for
advice before making
a decision**



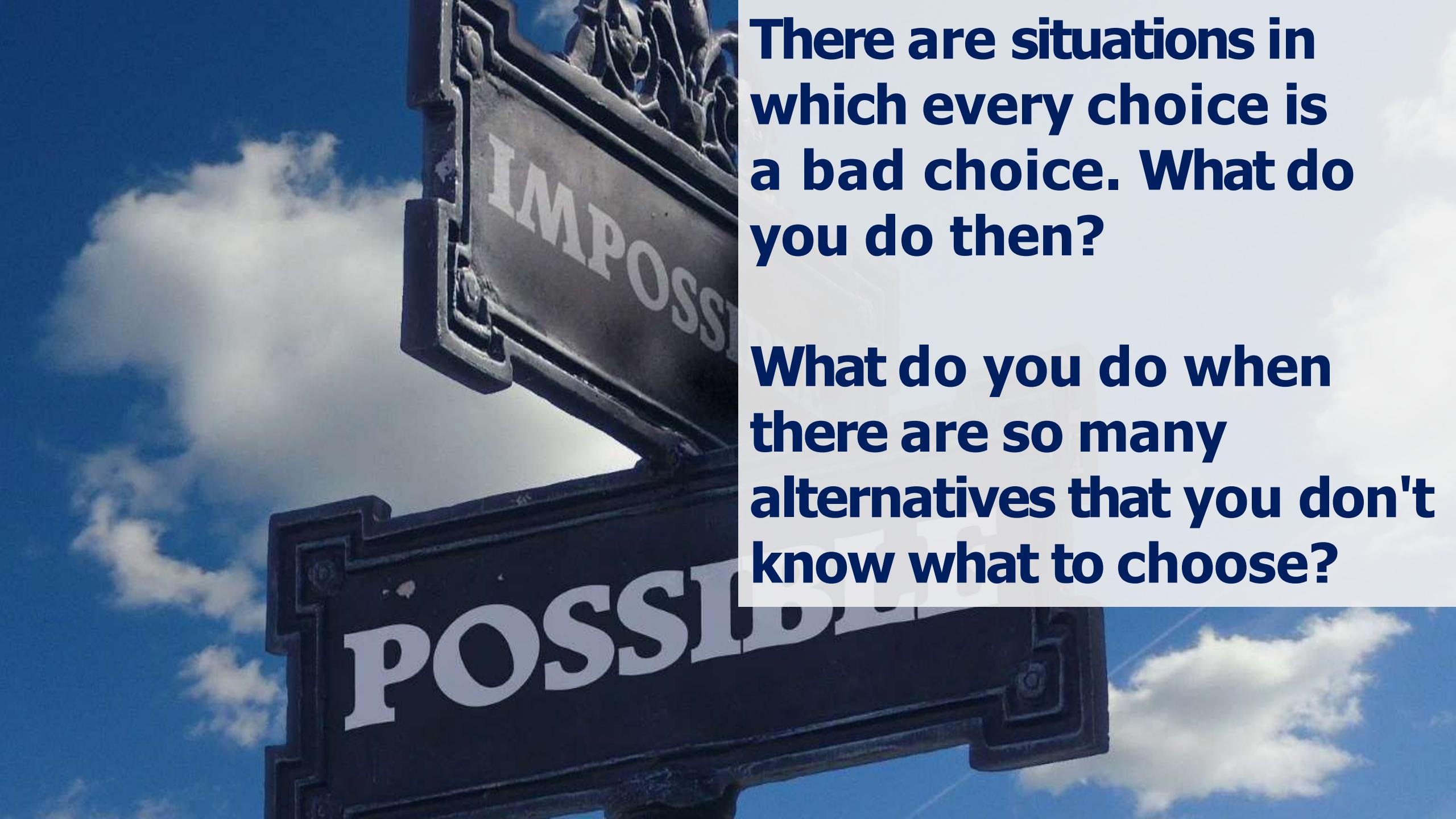


Do you vote? Why (not)?

Why do people decide not to take part in elections?

Should there be any punishment for not voting?

When you vote do you feel you have any choice?



**There are situations in
which every choice is
a bad choice. What do
you do then?**

**What do you do when
there are so many
alternatives that you don't
know what to choose?**

**What makes it easy /
difficult to take
a decision?**

**Why do people often
take the easy way out?**



Match expressions with their definitions

**be spoiled for choice
by choice**

**be on the same page
the bottom line**

stick to your guns

**weigh the pros and
cons**

- to understand and agree
- not changing your mind even if you're criticised
- to have a lot of options to choose from
- to say what the most important part of a situation is
- intentionally
- to analyse the good and bad sides of sth

Answers

be spoiled for choice - to have a lot of options to choose from

by choice - intentionally

be on the same page - to understand and agree
the bottom line - expression used to say what the most important part of a situation is

to stick to your guns - not changing your mind even if you're criticised

weigh the pros and cons - to analyse the good and bad sides of sth

Answer the following questions

- 1. Have you ever been spoiled for choice?**
- 2. What things do you do by choice?**
- 3. Have you ever had a situation in which you had to stick to your guns?**
- 4. Are you a kind of person who always weighs the pros and cons before making a decision?**

**Discuss the following
quotations.**

**Do you agree with them?
Which of them do you
disagree with?**

Trust your instincts, and make judgements on what your heart tells you. The heart will not betray you – David Gemmell

Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision – Peter F. Drucker

It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are – Roy Disney

Do nothing, and nothing happens. Life is about decisions. You either make them or they're made for you, but you can't avoid them – Mhairi McFarlane

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